

Remarks


In the Office Action dated February 27, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11, 14, 15 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by PCT reference WO99/64224. The Examiner rejected claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the PCT reference in view of the U.S. Patent to Edwards, et al. 5,891,560. The Examiner objected to claim 16 but indicated that it would be allowable if rewritten.

By this Amendment, Applicant's Attorney has taken the Examiner's suggestion and has rewritten claim 16 by incorporating the subject matter of old claim 16 into old claim 1 to obtain now amended claim 1.

Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art, Applicant's Attorney respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance which allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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